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Dear John:

I have your letter of February 28 concerning contingency planning for the succession to Chiang Kai-shek. Chiang's ill health last year stimulated planning for this contingency, and a good deal of staff work has been done both in our Embassy in Taipei and in Washington. I am informed that the group engaged in drafting a planning paper here in Washington will have a paper for final review shortly.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

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